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SUBJECT: COPYRIGHT: SOUTH AFRICAN ORGANIZATION'S VIEWS FOR
CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON EXTENSION U.S. LEGISLATION

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED

BY GRSEON ROOS, CHARIMAN

SOUTH AFRICAN MUSIC RIGHTS ORGANIZATION IN JOHANNESBURG, WITH
REQUEST ITS VIEWS BE APPROPRIATELY TRANSMITTED TO US CON-
GRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR MID-MAY ON NEW US COPYRIGHT
LEGISLATION. ROOS HAS NOTED TO US HE RECEIVED INFORMATION ON
THESE HEARINGS FROM STANLEY ADAMS OF ASCAP.

2. SITUATION AS PRESENTED BY ROOS IS AS FOLLOWS: SOUTH AFRICA

AS WITH MANY OTHER COUNTRIES GRANTS COPYRIGHTS FOR LIFE-
TIME OF AUTHOR PLUS FIFTY MORE YEARS. US CONGRESS IS CONSIDERING
REVISED COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION TO REPLACE 1909 ACT AS INTERIM
MEASURE PASSED IN 1972 LAW EXTENDING ALL OTHERWISE EXPIRING COPY-
RIGHTS UNTIL END OF 1974. ROOS PUT HIS VIEWS IN SUPPORT OF
1972 EXTENSION ON RECORD IN LETTER TO CONSUL GENERAL JOHANNESBURG
WHICH WAS IN TURN RELAYED TO DEPT. (AF) FOR TRANSMISSION TO
CONGRESS.

3. ROOS NOW ASKS: (QUOTE. ON BEHALF OF THE COMPOSERS OF SOUTH
AFRICA, ALL OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF OUR ORGANIZATION, I WISH
TO ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN SUBMITTING TO YOUR GOVERNMENT
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AN EARNEST PLEA FOR A FURTHER EXTENSION OF PROTECTION UNTIL

THE ADOPTION OF YOUR NEW COPYRIGHT ACT. UNLESS SUCH AN EXTENSION IS GRANTED, OUR COMPOSERS MAY SUFFER GRIEVOUS LOSSES.
END QUOTE.

4. COMMENT: SOUTH AFRICAN COPYRIGHT PROTECTION WAS EXTENDED TO AMERICAN CITIZENS AFTER US - SOUTH AFRICAN NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED IN JULY 1973 (SEE PTEL 748403; PRETORIA 2571 AND PREVIOUS) WHICH WERE AIMED AT PROTECTING PRIMARILY US FILM PRODUCERS.

5. ACTION REQUIRED: DEPT. REQUESTED TRANSMIT VIEWS TO APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AS REQUESTED BY ROOS. WE WILL ALSO POUCH ATTN. AF/S ORIGINAL OF ROOS LETTER.
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